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THE ATHENIAN OATH

WE WILL NEVER BRING DISGRACE
TO THIS OUR CITY, BY ANY ACT
OF DISHONESTY OR COWARDICE,
NOR EVER DESERT OUR SUFFERING
COMRADES IN THE RANKS; WE
WILL FIGHT FOR THE IDEALS AND
SACRED THINGS OF THE CITY,
BOTH ALONE AND WITH MANY;
WE WILL REVERE AND OBEY THE
CITY'S LAWS AND DO OUR BEST
TO INCITE A LIKE RESPECT IN
THOSE ABOVE US WHO ARE
PRONE TO ANNUL OR SET THEM
AT NAUGHT; WE WILL STRIVE UN-
CEASINGLY TO QUICKEN THE PUB-
LIC'S SENSE OF CIVIC DUTY, THUS
IN ALL THESE WAYS WE WILL
TRANSMIT THIS CITY NOT
ONLY NOT LESS, BUT GREATER, AND
MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN IT WAS
TRANSMITTED TO US.

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1952



City of Portsmouth New Hampshire

for the

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952

THIRD REPORT UNDER COUNCIL-MANAGER GOVERNMENT

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A Message to Citizens

Honorable Council and Citizens of Portsmouth:

It is with great pleasure that I submit the Third Annual Report of your City under the Council-Manager form of government.

Your City government is in as sound a position now, administratively and financially, as it has been for many years. We believe our taxpayers and citizens are entitled to capable and efficient administration and the best municipal services that money can buy. All our efforts have been in this direction.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of you for making this record of achievement possible.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT C. VIOLETTE,
City Manager.

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS AND BOARDS FOR THE YEAR 1952

CITY COUNCIL

Theodore R. Butler, Mayor	
John J. Leary, Assistant Mayor	
George R. Chick	Clayton E. Osborn
James C. Piper	Nathan H. Wells
John J. Wholey	Harry Winebaum
Cecil M. Neal (Resigned July 28, 1952)	

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

City Manager	Edward C. Peterson (Resigned August 15, 1952) Jack Fenwick (Appointed August 15, 1952) (Resigned October 19, 1952) Robert C. Violette (Appointed October 20, 1952)
City Clerk	Americo J. Bellucci
Superintendent of Public Works	Nat S. Stevens
City Auditor	Wilfred E. Young
City Treasurer	Joseph P. Marden
Assessor	Lucien O. Geoffrion
Tax Collector	J. Warren Somerby
City Marshal	William J. Linchey
Fire Chief	George T. Cogan (Retired October 15, 1952) Frederick R. Crompton (Appointed October 15, 1952)
Superintendent of Schools	Raymond I. Beal
Overseer, Welfare Department	Mrs. Mildred Riese
Sanitary Officer	Arthur J. Mayo (Resigned October 15, 1952)
City Solicitor	Arthur J. Reinhart (Resigned July 15, 1952) Thomas E. Flynn, Jr. (Appointed July 18, 1952)
Justice, Municipal Court	Harry W. Peyser

Associate Justice	Oscar Neukom
Clerk of Court	Ralph W. Junkins
Inspector of Buildings	James T. Whitman
Director of Recreation	Francis T. Malloy (Resigned August 31, 1952) Steve R. Blinn (Appointed Acting Director September 1, 1952)
Librarian, Public Library	Miss Dorothy M. Vaughan
Meat Inspector	Clement R. Moulton
Dog Officer	Joseph J. Perrault
Sealer of Weights and Measures	William A. Thomson
Inspector of Fire Alarms, Wires and Poles	William I. Randall

Board of Health

	Dr. S. Gerard Griffin, M.D.
Arthur Healey	Dr. William M. Farrington, D.M.D.

Planning Board

	John W. Durgin, Chairman	
Charles Gouse		Denis L. Long
	Harry N. Harding (Resigned July 22, 1952)	
	Charles A. Johnson (Resigned August 14, 1952)	
	Clyde G. Robinson (Resigned May 22, 1952)	
	Maurice E. Witmer (Resigned April 1, 1952)	

Board of Adjustment

	Timothy J. Driscoll, Chairman	
Frederick E. Pillsbury		Louis Schwartz
	Mrs. Alice Sullivan, Clerk (Resigned March 1, 1952)	
	Francis J. Leith (Appointed April 3, 1952)	
	Clark M. Coleman (Resigned December 4, 1952)	
	Lewis M. McNeil (Appointed December 15, 1952)	

Personnel Advisory Board

	Michael A. Barrett	
Reginald E. Goldsmith		Francis P. Tucker

Trustees of the Trust Funds

	Dorothy F. Lear, Clerk	
Arthur Gorman		William L. Conlon

Library Trustees

William Safford Jones, D.D.	
Mrs. Edward T. Wendell, Clerk	E. Curtis Matthews
Mrs. Irving E. Stowe	Katherine P. Flanagan
Ellen T. Moses	E. Bliss Marriner

Recreation Committee

John E. Kane, Chairman	
Ralph H. Atwell	Joseph Posternak
Arthur C. Clough	Winfield W. Scott
Mrs. Robert H. Dunn	Jeremy R. Waldron, Jr.
Edward Petro	Mrs. A. C. Warner, Secretary

Police Commission

J. Paul Griffin, Chairman
 Reginald E. Goldsmith (Appointed September 1, 1952)
 J. Verne Wood (Resigned August 31, 1952)
 Morris Silverman (Appointed March 1, 1952)

Board of Education

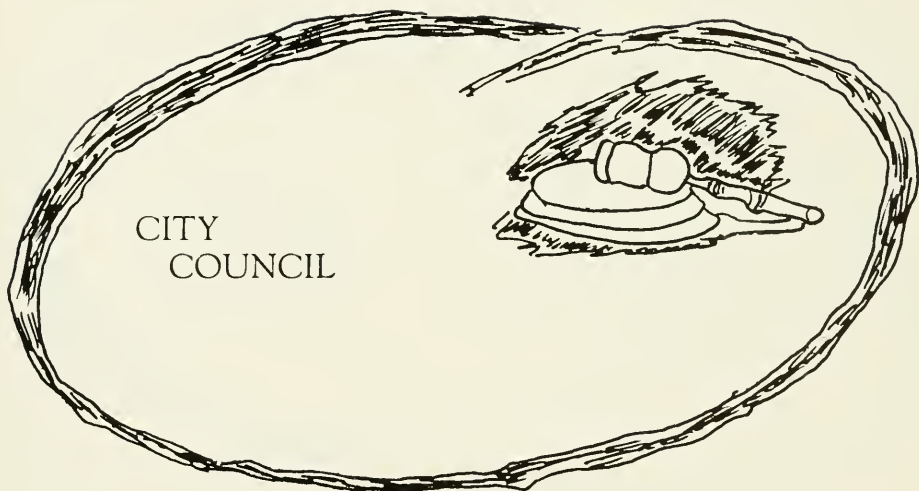
Stowe Wilder, Chairman	
Jean S. Butler	Cornelia B. Walker, M.D.
Ellis T. Cox	John W. Durgin, Jr.
John J. Hassett	Kennard E. Goldsmith
E. Curtis Matthews	Alice M. Lee
William M. Farrington, D.M.D.	John E. Seybolt
Ralph Margeson (Resigned January 30, 1952)	
Paul V. Brown (Appointed February 7, 1952)	

Airport Commission

Vincent Taccetta, Manager

Civil Defense

Edward C. Peterson, Director (Resigned August 15, 1952)
 Theodore F. Muntz, Director (Resigned December 18, 1952)
 Major Charles A. Johnson, Assistant Director



Nine Members

It is to the City Council that all municipal departments look for the initiative and leadership so necessary if city services are to expand and improve in efficiency. A conscientious, hard working council conducted 48 regular and special meetings during the year in addition to 19 public hearings. The Council passed 11 resolutions including one resolution authorizing \$150,000 in bonds for a second public parking area which was very much needed. There were 18 ordinances passed, some of which were passed in an effort to alleviate the traffic and parking problems in the city.

The Council was confronted with the problem of finding a successor to City Manager Edward C. Peterson, following his resignation August 15. Following the appointment of Jack Fenwick for an interim period the Council began the

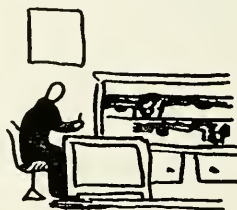
arduous task of corresponding with, investigating and interviewing applicants who sought to fill the vacancy. The field of 40 candidates was systematically narrowed to four men and eventually to the one finally selected—Mr. Robert C. Violette, town manager of Newport, N. H.

Councilman Cecil M. Neal tendered his resignation July 28. The resignation was accepted with regret.

The regular monthly meetings of the City Council are held the first Thursday of each month at 7 p. m. in the Council Chambers. These meetings are open to the public. Special meetings are held on call.

During 1952, as in former years under the Council-Manager government Councilmen served without compensation.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



Employees:
Full Time 2

Expenditures:
\$13,313.36

The City Manager is appointed by the City Council for an indefinite term. The city charter, adopted in 1947, places with the Manager, full administrative control and responsibility for every city department except the School Department.

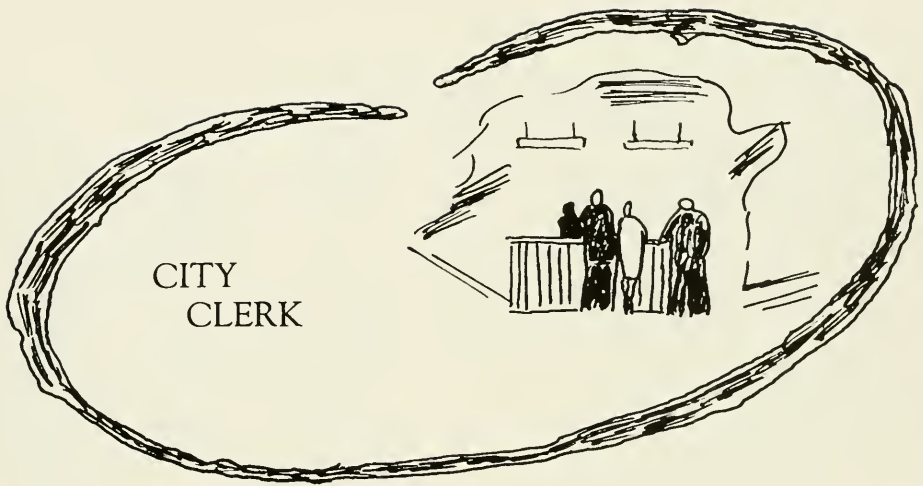
Guiding and aiding the departmental units daily the City Manager constantly strives to improve the many services rendered by the City to its residents.

Through an open door policy to the public, the petitions, requests, suggestions and complaints of citizens are given top priority for consideration, together with whatever action is warranted by each situation. Opportunities are welcomed by the Manager to meet with citizen groups to listen to the desires of each, to explain the operation of

the city government and to encourage public interest and participation in the city program of service.

Assistance to the City Council is given by reports, recommendations, and inspection trips, and by the drafting of resolutions and ordinances at the request of the Council. All matters of policy are reviewed with the City Council.

Close liaison and cooperation is maintained with the School Department, various agencies of the State and Federal governments and other municipalities. Civic promotion includes participation in the activities of the Chamber of Commerce, Seacoast Regional Association, University Extension Program and the New England Council.



Employees:

Full Time 2
Part Time 1

Expenditures:

\$19,362.28

Revenues:

\$15,286.00

No revenues from election
duties

The office of the City Clerk is the clearing house and receiving office for the records of all the departments of the city government. It is the filing center for all manner of mortgages, vital statistics, writs, deeds, attachments, and other legal records and agreements.

The City Clerk is the official clerk of our law-making body—the City Council, and he must keep the minutes of all its proceedings. He must also handle the filing of all ordinances, resolutions and supervise the publication of all official notices and proceedings as required by law. The records of all the meetings are typed, bound and stored in the vault in the Clerk's office with records of other meetings going back to the late 1600's. The vital statistics (birth, marriage, and death

records) for the City of Portsmouth are collected, bound, and also stored in the office vault, and copies sent to the State Registrar in Concord, N. H., and also to other interested parties.

In addition to the above duties the office has certain election duties to perform, Superior Court jury drawings, issue copies of anything requested by the public. The office is also the place of registration for Selective Service in this area.

The office of the City Clerk also serves as an "information" center. Questions concerning practically all fields of interest, including legal and municipal affairs are answered without charge. The Clerk's office maintains close contact with the public at all times and is always at their service.

VITAL STATISTICS

	1950	1951	1952
Births	542	546	565
Marriages	482	396	355
Deaths	237	276	253
Stillbirths	10	13	20

LICENSES AND PERMITS

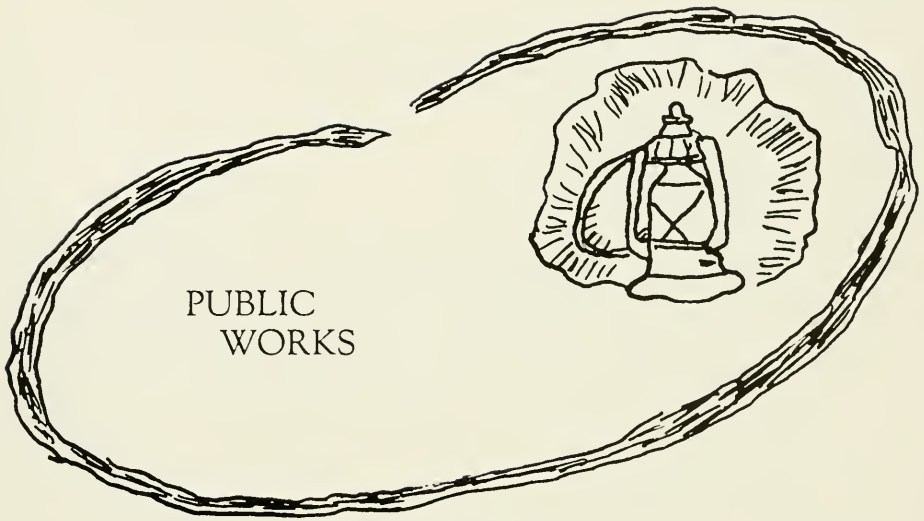
	1950	1951	1952
Dog Licenses	1150	1075	1114
Taxi operator's licenses	120	173	182
Taxicab Permits	29	32	39
Bicycle licenses	1120	965	838

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGISTRATION

	1950	1951	1952
	209	132	187

ELECTIONS

	Eligible	Total	Republican	Democrat
Presidential Primary	10,265	2,757	2,224	533
State Primary	11,190	2,965	2,648	317
Biennial	12,653	9,267		
(including 522 absentee ballots)				



PUBLIC WORKS

Employees:

Full Time 44

Part Time 5

Expenditures:

\$320,999.83

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance and construction of streets, highways, bridges, and sewers in the City of Portsmouth. To realize the work involved in this it is well to point out that if all the streets in Portsmouth were laid end to end they would stretch from here to Providence, R. I.

During 1952 the Department constructed, rebuilt or resurfaced 4.2 miles of streets and roads. The principle streets covered in these projects were Sherburne Road and portions of State St. In these projects the Department used 357 gallons of MC2-Asphalt and 957 tons of Blue Rock. 8,936 tons of gravel were spread and 330 tons of bituminous patching used.

350 feet of sidewalks were relaid during the year and 170 feet of curbing reset.

During the winter months 1,650 yards of sand were used on streets and sidewalks and 384 tons of salt were used to keep roads clear.

During the year 69 new sewer services were connected to the existing sewerage system, 40 new manholes were placed and 15 new catch basins installed. There were nine outstanding projects during the year, namely, Boyd Road to Pannaway line, Hillside Drive and Greenleaf Avenue, Baycliff Drive, Richards Avenue, Sagamore Avenue, Thaxter Road, Essex Avenue-Route 1A-Melbourne Street, Woodbury Avenue and Cottage Street Extension.

The Department also has charge of refuse disposal in the city and in 1952 the average number of loads a day was 7.5.

WATER DEPARTMENT

Employees:**Full Time 26****Part Time 1**

During 1952 the Water section of the Public Works Department installed 106 new meters and replaced 240. 23,482 feet of water mains were laid. 25 new fire hydrants were added to the system. 794,036,800 gallons of water were pumped during the year or an average of 2,025,263 gallons per day. This compares with 793,671,470 gallons (2,251,306 daily) in 1950 and 723,717,780 gallons (2,113,974 daily) in 1951. Water revenues during the year amounted to \$166,302.68.

During the year the Public Works Department purchased the following new equipment:

2 Mac Trucks—Ash Collection

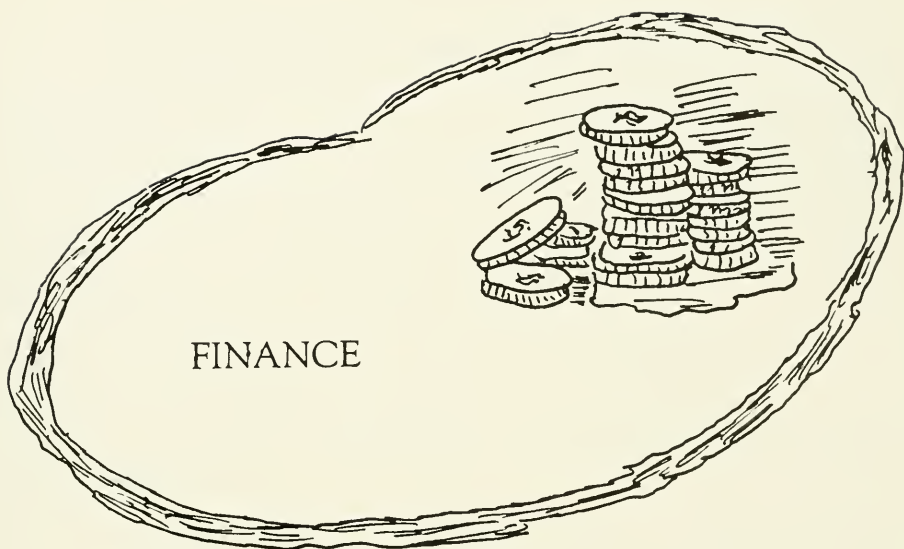
Sweeper

Terratrac—Sidewalk Plow

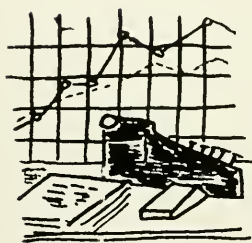
2 Mack Roto-Pac Trucks—Refuse Collection

A. P. Smith Tapping Machine

Gas Furnace and Lead Pot—Water Dept.



A. CITY AUDITOR



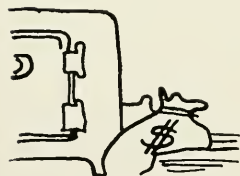
Employees:
Full Time 3

Expenditures:
\$12,053.35

The office of the City Auditor is concerned with the pre-audit of claims, the post-audit of collections and disbursements, the accounting for all financial transactions and assists the City Manager in the preparation and administration of the annual budget.

This office also has the job of preparing all city purchase orders, vouchers, checks, payrolls and other financial records.

B. CITY TREASURER



Employees:
Full Time 1

Expenditures:
\$5,202.55

The treasurer is responsible for the custody and disbursement of all city funds, including general, water, sanitary sewer, parking meter, bond and trust funds.

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER

Balance (all accounts), January 1, 1952	\$ 509,780.97
Receipts 1952 (Total 1488)	3,036,343.08
Disbursements 1952 (Total 17276)	3,280,538.89
Balance December 31, 1952	265,585.16
Total Wages and Salaries	1,154,201.86
Total Withholding Tax Withheld and paid to Director of Internal Revenue (744 employees)	121,878.36

BORROWINGS

Tax Anticipation Loans			
January 24	\$600,000.	Rate of Discount	1.027%
July 9	\$150,000.		0.879%
December 1	\$150,000.		0.70%
Total	\$900,000.	Average Rate of Discount	1.006%

PARKING METER ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1952	\$ 2,509.55
Collections from Meters	\$30,171.79
Due from Water Department (Loan Account)	\$ 6,500.00
TOTAL	<u>\$39,181.34</u>
Expenditures 1952	\$18,914.73
Due from Water Department (Loan Account)	\$11,500.00
Balance December 31, 1952	\$ 8,766.61

C. TAX COLLECTOR

Employees:	Expenditures:
Full Time 2	\$8,110.94
Part Time 1	

The Tax Collector is charged with the collection of all taxes, auto permit fees, water and sewer rentals, licenses and permits fees and miscellaneous receivables. Because of provisions of state law the collection of dog taxes and certain other fees is charged to the City Clerk.

During 1952, after many years of filing documents and records in cartons and tin boxes, this office obtained files into which to keep these articles. The work of this office has grown steadily over the years. When the present Collector assumed

office in 1942 the Tax Warrant was between \$700,000 and \$800,000. In 1952 this had grown to \$1,330,344. Automobile registrations numbered 4,000 in 1942. Ten years later these have increased to 7,274.

The State Head Tax has added a lot of work to this department as well as to the Assessor's office for which the city receives little compensation.

D. ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

Employees:

Full Time 2
Part Time 1

Expenditures:

\$12,221.98

The City Assessor has the unenviable duty of determining every property owner's share of the costs of your city government.

The normal work of this department in 1952 consisted of addressing and mailing over 5,000 inventory forms and nearly 1,000 veteran's exemption forms. All inventory and exemption forms returned were processed as required by law.

There were 671 property transfers and 519 mortgage notices processed and checked.

The department's two hundred maps were brought up to date with all boundary lines, dimensions, areas, etc. corrected.

All new construction and alteration work was carefully checked and such property reappraised to reflect any change in value.

10,252 Head Tax Bills were prepared in duplicate and handed to the Collector. 8,287 Poll Tax Bills were also prepared and turned over to the Collector. 942 additional names were placed on supplementary Head Tax Warrants and 934 Head Taxes were abated for legal reasons. 526 additional names were placed on supplementary Poll Tax Warrants and 740 Poll Taxes were abated.

The 1952 Property Tax Warrant was prepared calling for the collection of \$1,330,344.19 and a Tax Rate of \$37.50 was approved by the State Tax Commission. 5,342 Property Tax bills were addressed and calculated in duplicate by this department and turned over to the Collector.

A list of all N. H. Railroad Stock owned by residents was prepared and forwarded to the State Tax Commission as required by law.

A list of all resident shareholders of New Hampshire Bank Stock was prepared and forwarded to the Tax Commission.

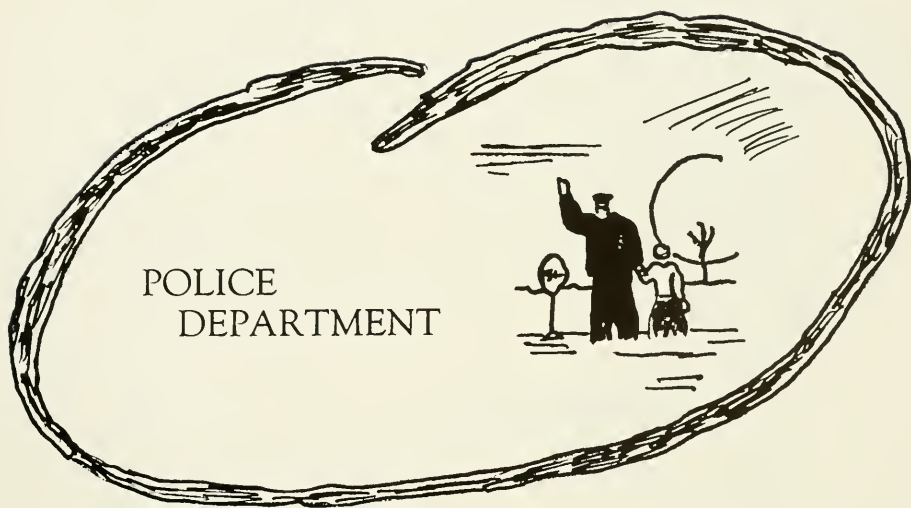
Five timber operations appraised before and after cutting operations for assessment as required by the Timber Tax Law.

In 1952 the State Tax Commission required all Assessors to list and appraise all Tax Exempt property. Total Tax Exempt property of religious, educational, charitable, patriotic, and governmental character amounted to \$7,001,380.00.

In addition to the normal work of the department the Assessor continued the work started in the summer of 1951 of preparing a set of rock-ribbed equalized valuations based on firm standardized technical grounds. As of December 30, 1952, of 5,342 properties in our city, 3,100 valuations had been calculated both as to land value and building value.

ASSESSED VALUATIONS 1952

Land and Buildings	\$21,649,035
Electric Plants	11,292,000
Personal Property and Stock in Trade	3,329,170
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Total Valuation	\$36,270,205
Veterans Exemptions (814 veterans)	794,360
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Net Taxable Valuation	\$35,475,845



Employees:

Full Time 35

Part Time 0

Expenditures:

\$132,359.63

The past year has found the Police Department very active in answering and investigating all complaints. The department was very successful in apprehending and prosecuting the perpetrators of all major crimes committed in Portsmouth and a large percentage of the lesser crimes.

During the year the department purchased photography equipment and an Exec-U-Phone System (inter-communication) for use at the new Police Headquarters. Eight "38" colt special revolvers were also purchased.

The department also served as Air Raid Warning Relay Station

and in this capacity relays Civil Air Raid Warning alerts throughout the locality.

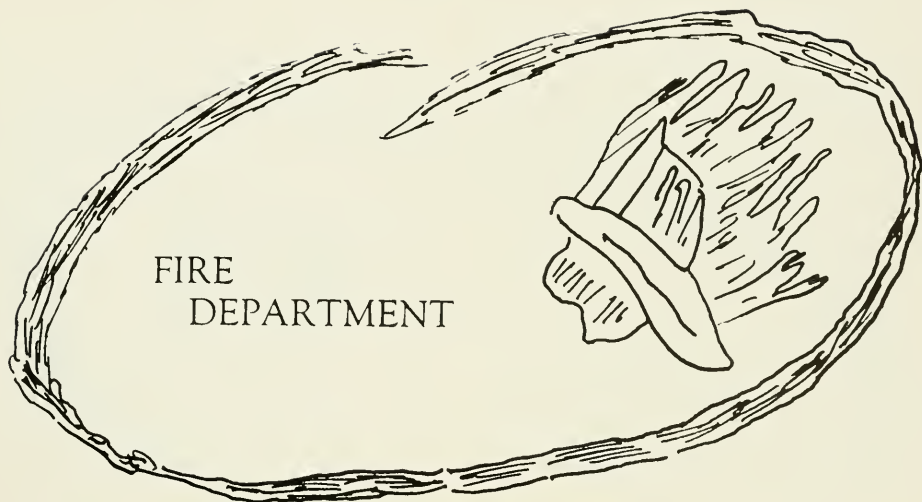
Parking meter fines in 1952 totaled \$2,600 and this amount was turned over to the Parking Meter Fund.

With the continuous increase in the city's population and due to the ever increasing traffic problem on the down town streets eight new patrolmen were added to the force to cope with these problems.

During the year \$8,227.13 worth of lost and stolen property was recovered by the department and returned to its owners.

POLICE DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES 1952

Arrested for out of town	41
Assault	13
Assault with intent to rob while armed	2
Accessory before and after the fact	1
Automobile Offenses	166
Carrying Concealed Weapons	3
Disorderly Conduct	15
Drunkenness	247
Forgery	1
Gambling	6
Investigation	1
Larceny	14
Larceny by check	4
Lewd and Lascivious behavior	3
Liquor laws violations	9
Lodgers	715
Manslaughter	1
Murder	1
Non-support	9
Operating under the influence	33
Robbery, Armed	1
Safekeeping	18
Suicide, Attempted	6
Suicide	6
Suspicion	1
Refusal to pay food bill	1
Trespassing	2
Vagrants	1
Store Doors and windows found open	560
Street lights reported out	89
Police Patrol Trips	2,445



Employees:

Regular 19
Call Men 30

Expenditures:

\$83,241.99

The fire department responded to 388 calls during 1952. Of these 36 were bell and 352 were still alarms. The department also responded to 28 calls outside of the city limits as follows: Rye 7, New Castle 6, Greenland 5, Dover 2, Newington 2, Durham 2, Salmon Falls, Kittery, Kittery Point and North Hampton 1 each. In addition the department ambulance made 981 trips during the year and answered 5 requests for the Inhalator, two of which were for suicides.

The property and contents endangered by fire during the year was valued at \$1,920,550. Damage by fire to this property amounted to \$59,951.54. Total insurance on this property and contents amounted to \$727,050 and the insurance paid on losses amounted to \$33,905.92, leaving a net loss of \$26,045.62 for the year.

The department personnel continued to conduct fire inspections during the year. All commercial property in the business district was checked regularly for possible

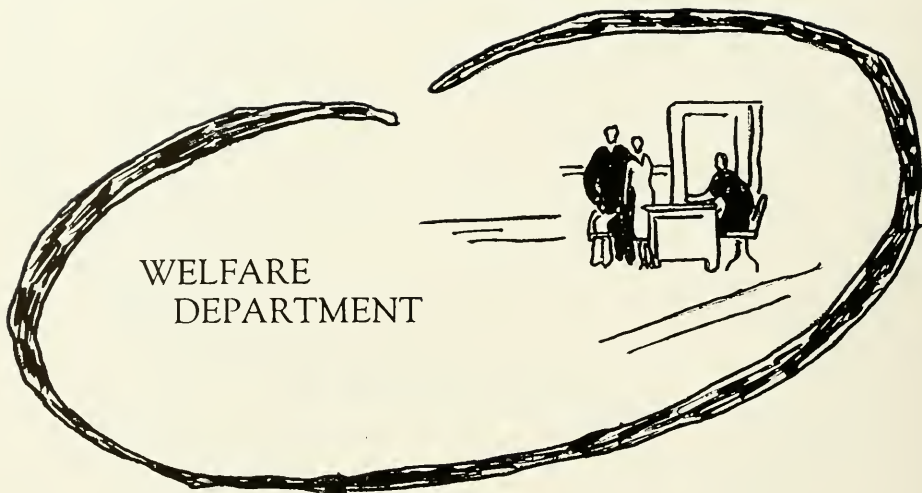
fire hazards. Routine inspections were also carried out at all hospitals, convalescent homes, schools, and places of assembly.

The department availed itself of every opportunity to promote its continuing fire prevention program.

The department purchased a new $\frac{3}{4}$ ton Chevrolet pick-up truck, 500 feet of $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch double jacket hose, 2 10ft. lengths of $4\frac{1}{2}$ " hard suction hose, and replaced 14 tires on some of the equipment.

George T. Cogan

A milestone of 1952 was the retirement of Fire Chief George T. Cogan on October 15 after 52 years of faithful service to the department, and 15 years as leader of the city's fire fighting forces. The long and outstanding record by Chief Cogan established him as a leader in his field, respected and admired by all who came in contact with him. He was succeeded by Frederick R. Crompton, formerly First Assistant.



Employees: 1

Expenditures:
\$80,878.81

The humanitarian work of the Overseer of the Poor offers the most direct and intimate contact between the city and its people. The administration of aid and assistance to people who for one reason or another find themselves in financial difficulties requires the overseer to face continually the compromise between mercy and justice. Mercy for the unfortunate people who need financial aid, and justice for the taxpayers who must pay the bills.

A decrease in the overall cost of the department was noted in 1952. While the direct relief expenditures were considerably less there was an increase in the board and care of adults and children.

Full employment and social security benefits helped to maintain lower direct relief costs.

Board and care costs increased due to a larger number of recipients in this category and also the increase in rates of nursing and boarding homes.

The average number of children being boarded by the city during 1952 was 32.

The medical and hospitalization costs were kept to a minimum considering the number of persons receiving this care. This was achieved by the excellent cooperation of Dr. Gerard Griffin, City Physician.

During 1952 the Welfare Department collected as reimbursement the sum of \$4,603. This is an increase of \$1,351 over the preceding year.

Each year has seen an increase in cases requiring service, consultation and information.

Each case is different and no two cases can be investigated in the same manner. The department works in continual direct contact with such agencies as The Family Welfare Association, District Nursing Association, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and the various service organizations of Portsmouth.

In addition to direct city relief, the department distributes to welfare recipients and other needy persons food and used clothing donated by Portsmouth people.

In addition to its regular duties the department participated in the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's annual Christmas party which entertained four hundred children. The department gave considerable time to the "Toys for Tots" program which was arranged by the U. S. Marine Corps. Lists for Christmas baskets and clothing were supplied to several organizations. The department participated in the Exchange Club picnic during the summer season and the Civic Theater's children program.

Average number of cases and expenditures for Direct Relief:

Average number of Cases (monthly)	33.5
Average number of Persons (monthly)	79.8
Average Monthly Expenditures	\$ 1,536.96

Average number of cases and expenditures for Board and Care:

Children:

Average number of Cases (monthly)	13.4
Average number of Persons (monthly)	33.9
Average Monthly Expenditures	\$ 1,292.31

Adults:

Average number of Cases (monthly)	8.5
Average number of Persons (monthly)	8.5
Average Monthly Expenditures	\$ 566.86

Direct Relief Expenditures:

Food	\$11,584.37
Shelter	3,664.20
Clothing	299.70
Fuel	1,570.12
Medical	932.31
Hospital	1,126.42

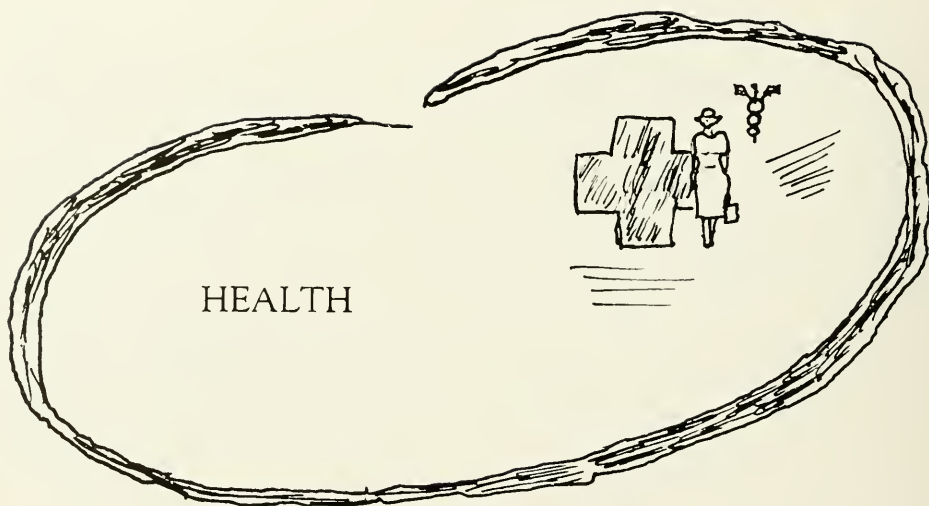
Total

\$19,177.12

Old Age Assistance:

Total

\$34,505.81



A. Sanitary Inspector

Food sanitation, milk inspection, environmental sanitation, rat control—these are the responsibilities of the Sanitary Inspector. He inspects all restaurants, grocery stores and bakeries for conditions which might be detrimental to the health of the community. Dairy farms, pasteurization plants and milk distributing plants are regularly visited and the samples obtained on these visits are sent to the State Department of Health for analysis.

During 1952 the Sanitary Inspector conducted 610 restaurant inspections, 350 stores and 35 bakery inspections. 115 milk samples and 26 water samples were taken, as were 25 ice cream samples. 300 nuisance complaints were investigated, none of which had to be taken to court for disposition.

The above work was conducted during a ten-month period as the

Sanitary Inspector resigned his post on October 15 and the vacancy was not filled during the remainder of the year.

B. City Physician

The emphasis of the Department's program is on preventive measures. It has contributed materially to the decrease in the incidence of communicable diseases in the city; its immunization programs have been signally successful. An important cog in the operation of the Department is your City Physician. It is to him that those who, through no fault of their own, cannot meet medical expenses look for the care they need. The City Physician also has charge of conducting the immunization clinics and controls communicable diseases through the use of quarantine.

The vigilance of this Department has played a leading role in

helping Portsmouth achieve the distinction of having one of the highest average age at death rates in the nation—69.08 years.

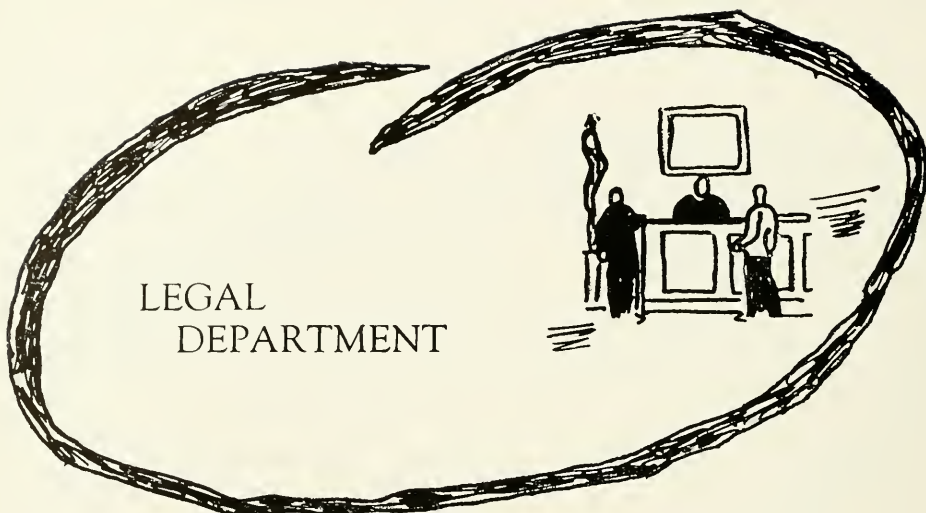
C. Comfort Station

The City of Portsmouth is fortunate in having a building in which is housed all the health facil-

ities of the city. In addition this building houses a mid-town public comfort station regularly staffed by attendants, and which daily receives favorable comments from visitors to the city as well as citizens themselves. During 1952 expenditures at the comfort station totaled \$16,557.35 while revenues totaled \$982.19.

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN PORTSMOUTH, 1952

Diseases of the Circulatory System (Heart Disease, Hypertension, Arteriosclerosis, Coronary Thrombosis, Cerebral Hemorrhage, etc.)	156
Cancer and other malignant tumors	27
Nephritis	4
Accidental	6
Pneumonia	10
Diabetes Mellitus	1
Tuberculosis	1
Uremia	7
Stillbirths	20
Suicides	6



LEGAL DEPARTMENT

A. Law Department

Expenditures:

The duties of our City Solicitor are many and varied. Primarily he is municipal prosecuting attorney in daily sessions of Municipal Court and legal counsel to all offices of our city government.

Contracts, leases, and other legal instruments were prepared for the several city departments during the year. The City Solicitor attends all regular Council meetings. Criminal matters, claims for dog damages and any other matter which may involve legal opinion are referred to him for his report.

Criminal

Misdemeanors

Felonies

Civil

Juvenile

Small Claims

Motor Vehicle Violations

B. Municipal Court

Expenditures: \$3,000

The Municipal Court for our city was created by State Legislative Act, and the presiding Justice is appointed by the Governor and his Council. In the absence of the Judge, the Special Justice presides.

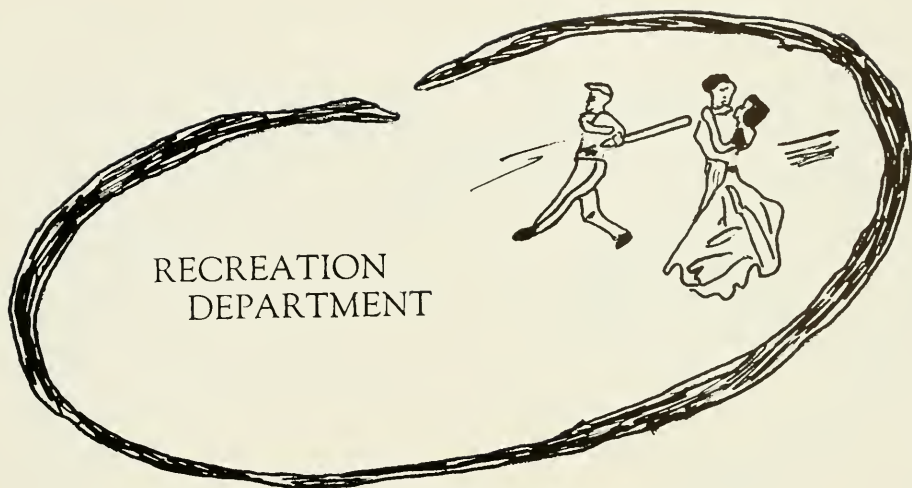
Impartial and undelayed dispensing of justice means better enforcement of our laws. This is the aim of the local court.

During 1952 the court processed the following cases:

	1950	1951	1952
Criminal			
Misdemeanors	649	620	609
Felonies	26	35	27
Civil	98	97	114
Juvenile	30	26	13
Small Claims	366	249	282
Motor Vehicle Violations	512	453	403

It is heartening to see the decided decrease in the number of juvenile cases and motor vehicle violations. A decrease of 50%

over 1951 was noticed in the former and there were 50 less violations in the latter category.



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

"Recreation—The Yeast of Living"

Employees:

Full Time 1
Part Time 31

Expenditures:

\$50,328.50

**Revenues including
Community Center
\$5,902.19**

During 1952 the City Recreation Department operated a program which included the following activities: Summer Playground, Community Center, Swimming Pool and Winter Ice Skating.

The Community Center was used by approximately 35,000 people during the course of the year. A total of 35 organizations held regularly scheduled weekly or monthly meetings in the two second floor meeting rooms. Annual social functions such as the Policemen's Ball, Firemen's Ball, and Elks Ball were held. An adult basketball league and adult badminton league were in operation each week during the winter season. Classes were held in photography, art, boxing,

arts and crafts, children and adult archery.

In addition to these activities a grammar school basketball league, operated by the School Department, was held each Saturday morning. A Junior table tennis tournament was also conducted and a City Bowling League was conducted each week at the local bowling alley.

Regular Saturday evening teenage dances were held during the winter months. Many other civic, social and service meetings and activities were held and the Center was in constant use by both adults and children.

Two skating rinks were made

available, but skating was limited due to the poor weather.

During the summer months 8 playgrounds were in operation and approximately 19,000 children made use of the facilities. This summer program also included an adult softball league, free summer music instruction and an arts and crafts program.

The Pierce Island Municipal Swimming Pool was used by approximately 25,000 children. Seventy-five Red Cross swimming certificates were awarded. The pool was open from 9-12, 1-5 and 6-8 for eleven weeks. Five lifeguards and attendants were on duty at all times.



Employees: 1

**Expenditures:
\$1,046.03**

Before any new construction, alterations or repairs to buildings take place in Portsmouth a building permit is obtained from the Building Inspector. If the Inspector finds that the intended construction, alterations or repairs is non-conforming to the Zoning Ordinance he denies the application. The owner then has the right of appeal to the Board of Adjustment and request a variance from that body. After a Public Hearing and deliberation the Board renders its decision.

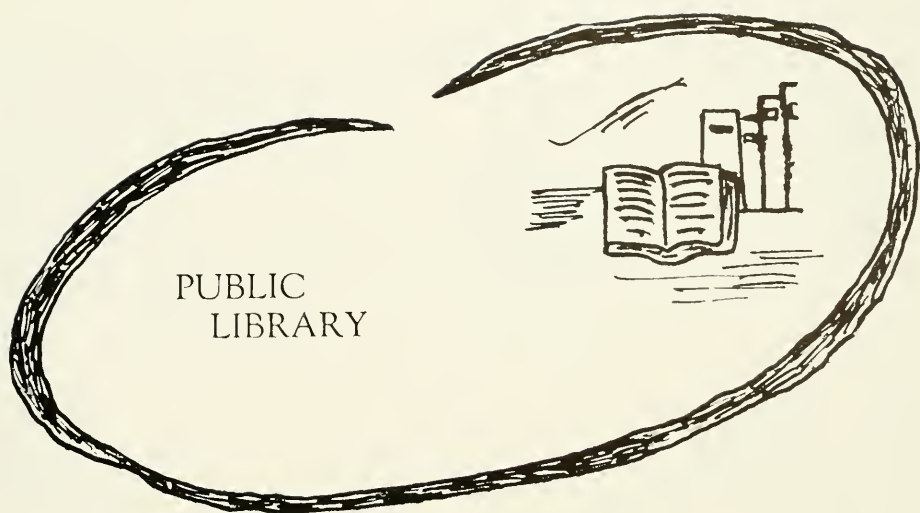
Zoning groups all like uses together into separate districts and forbids the erection of buildings which are not suited to the character of the area. The advantages to the residents of Portsmouth are

apparent. For instance, in a district zoned for homes, no stores or factories can be built. Homeowners need have no fear that the character of their neighborhood will be ruined, that the invasion of commercial or industrial concerns will lower property values, or that adequate light and fresh air will be blocked off.

A total of 291 permits were issued during the year 1952. This was two less than the preceding year. However, the estimated cost of the 1952 permits were \$696,589 compared with the 1951 figure which was \$2,002,355. 1952 saw no new institutional or industrial construction. There was an increase in family dwellings in 1952.

BUILDING PERMITS, 1952

Family Dwellings	66	\$484,394.00
Garages Non-Commercial	38	30,000.00
Service Stations	1	25,000.00
Mercantile, Office	15	62,800.00
Cabins	2	1,000.00
Buildings Demolished	7	
Alterations, Additions, Repairs	162	93,395.00
Total	291	<hr/> \$696,589.00



Employees:

Full Time 3
Part Time 3

Expenditures:

\$16,862.34

Revenues:

\$673.05

Our Public Library contains within its rooms a wealth of entertainment and means of self-improvement. The responsibility to obtain and encourage the use of an assortment of worthwhile books, periodicals, pictures, and other documents is a vital one to our community's well-being. Both adults and children alike can find full reward for regular, frequent visits to the library.

During 1952 the circulation of the library totaled 101,655. Of these 24,211 were juvenile and 77,444 adult. One thousand one hundred sixty-nine new card holders registered during the year. Four hundred fifty-nine of these were juvenile and 710 adult.

The library continually strives to bring the latest in fiction and non-fiction to the citizens of Portsmouth. During the year 2,213 new books were purchased and 118 were given to the library as gifts. Because of age and wear 790 books were withdrawn from circulation. On January 1, 1953, there were 65,815 volumes in the library.

In addition to books the library regularly receives 106 different periodicals and subscribes to five weekly and daily newspapers.

The library is also the scene of several special events during the year. During 1952 New Hampshire architects held an Architectural exhibition in the building. In November during the annual celebration of Book Week a special dis-

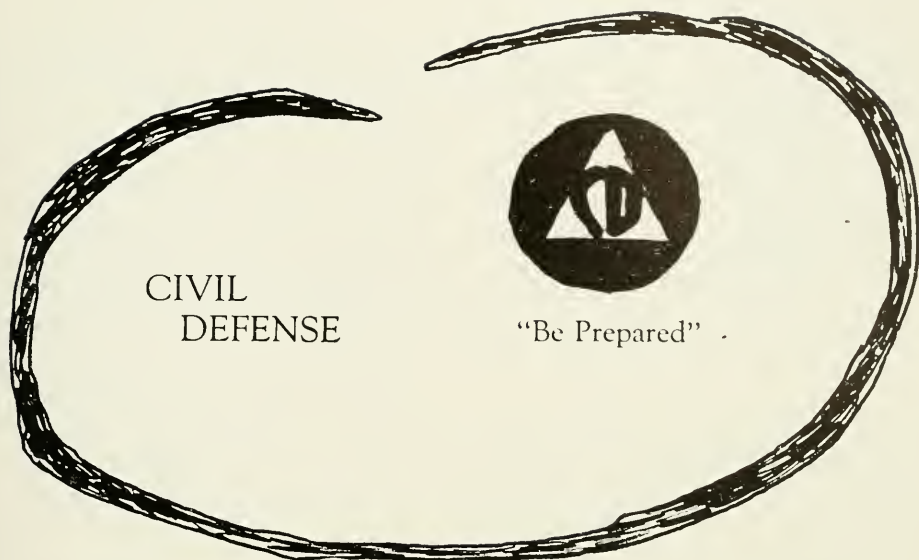
play of children's books was set up. In May a Children's Book Festival was held and displays and exhibits were set up.

Every other Thursday evening from September to May at 8 p. m. the library was the scene of "Great Books" discussion. This was the second year that this group has

met. The discussion group was under the direction of Reverend Robert Dunn and Graham G. Alvord.

Once a month the library took part in radio broadcasts over Station WHEB.

The library also cooperated with the League of Women Voters in the "Get Out the Vote" campaign.



Expenditures:
\$2,401.30

Enemy attack may never come, but if it does, Portsmouth will not be unprepared. Readiness to meet catastrophe is insurance. We all hope it will never be needed, but, if it is, the cost is well justified.

In April an Alert Test involving all departments was held. The results were indicative of good organization, but proved conclusively that more workers would be needed to make civil defense work.

The Director, City Manager Edward C. Peterson and the Assistant Director, Charles A. Johnson, resigned in August. For a two-months period the city was without a Director. Theodore F. Munz was appointed to fill the vacancy October 17.

A meeting was held with State

CD heads which was attended by the City Manager and the Mayor to formulate plans for growth of CD in Portsmouth.

Telephones were removed from the Communications Center to reduce costs. However, the connections were left active to replace phones when needed.

Ground work was laid for the purchase of radio equipment on a 50/50 basis with the Federal Government. This was possible because a number of radio amateurs volunteered their services. In recognition of this, the City Council allowed the amateurs to use a room in the Community Center as a club room to further the cause of amateur radio training in the city. Membership increased so rapidly

that the Director with authority of the City Manager moved the Radio Club to the Communications Center where more room was available to hold classes in code practice and radio theory. As many of these amateurs were to become an important part of Civil Defense under the Radio Emergency Service (RACES), this move constituted an improvement to the communication effectiveness of civil defense.

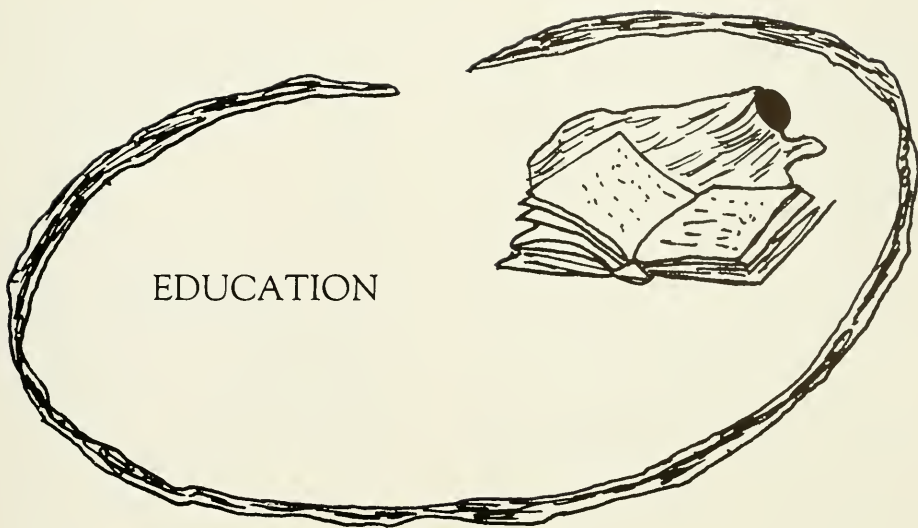
Registration of nurses in Rockingham County for Civil Defense purposes was conducted under the direction of Miss Ruth Allen, District Nurse. All persons with training, including those with military service training, both male and female, were asked to volunteer their services. In Portsmouth 129 persons signed up for this civil defense function.

"Operation Skywatch," a 24-hour, round the clock watch of our skies for all types of aircraft, went into effect in July. The Air Force

Ground Observer Co-ordinator, Col. R. P. Hamilton, appointed Dr. Philip H. White as G. O. C. Post Supervisor and he in turn appointed Dr. Fred B. Proctor as Chief Observer. Under these two men the GOC tower at Wallis Sands operated effectively for some four months when the general apathy of the public caused such lack of interest that the post was closed.

"Civil Defense is an organization set up to insure that lives and property in a community will receive maximum possible security in the event of attack or disaster. To do this properly men and women must be given training, they must know what to do in an emergency and must be willing to volunteer their services before a disaster strikes in order to be trained to handle emergencies. It is the local citizen by his or her own effort, make civilian protection effective or ineffective."

—Theodore F. Munz.



Employees:

Full Time 178
Part Time 1

Expenditures:

\$693,919.79

Never before in America have the schools been so important for our continued national survival. The gains we have made in our struggle for an ever better world are threatened and may be swept away for all time.

The perpetuation of freedom for the individual citizen, and indeed of the western concept of a free society, involves two main elements that depend in large measure for their strength upon a universal, compulsory public school system of highest quality.

The first of these is the program of citizenship training and education that is essential for the inculcation of our American way of life, and for its continued improvement in accordance with the basic

ideals of our forefathers. Citizenship training of our youth is the public school's central reason for existence, and the major justification for taxation of all our wealth by whomever owned, for school support.

The second is the school's program for developing constantly improved competence in all our youth of occupational abilities sufficient to make them self-supporting citizens.

During the year 1952 school expenditures in Portsmouth amounted to \$693,919.79. This represents an average cost per pupil of \$212.66, an increase of \$5.58 over the average cost for 1951.

Increased costs of education are due in no small measure to in-

creased enrollment. National public school enrollment in 1952 was estimated to be 7% above the 1940 figure. The enrollment in Portsmouth on September 8, 1952, was 3,545 which is 20% higher than in 1940 and tops the national average by 13%. The average increase in enrollments for the first grade for the nation as a whole in 1952 was 20% above last year's figure. Portsmouth's increase was 24%.

During 1952 plans for the construction of a new high school progressed. The City Council-Board of Education Committee recommended that the Board of Education employ a school building consultant to assist with the planning of the building. The Board accepted this and the City Council appropriated \$8,500 to cover the consultant's fee. Mr. William K. Wilson, former Educational Supervisor, Division of School Buildings and Grounds, New York State Department of Education was employed.

Mr. E. Bliss Marriner, Principal of the Senior High School, retired June 13. Mr. Marriner faithfully served the Portsmouth school system for a quarter of a century. He was succeeded September 3 by Mr. Rolfe G. Banister, Assistant Principal. Mr. Banister's vacancy was filled by Mr. Francis T. Malloy, teacher of mechanical drawing.

Mrs. Pearl Shaw, a teacher for thirty-three and one-half years in the Elementary and Junior High Schools, retired June 13.

ETHEL K. RHODES

Died January 9, 1952

Cost Per Pupil of Average Membership

1948	\$166.53
1949	177.76
1950	183.53
1951	207.08
1952	212.66

Average School Membership June, 1952

Senior High	678
Junior High	686
Elementary	1,526
Kindergarten	373

Total School Expenditures, 1943-1952

1943	\$308,309.21
1944	327,491.21
1945	357,122.14
1946	377,235.15
1947	432,520.29
1948	507,093.44
1949	546,549.15
1950	570,765.64
1951	632,615.87
1952	693,919.79

Non-Resident Pupils in Portsmouth Schools

Senior High	153
Junior High	84
Elementary	3
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Total	240

Junior and Senior High Schools Enrollment

Senior High School

Post Graduate	2
Senior	197
Junior	217
Sophomore	283
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Total	699
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Junior High	
7th Grade	265
8th Grade	228
9th Grade	237
Opportunity	13
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Total	743

The school health program, under the expert guidance of two school nurses and a dental hygienist, was continued during the year. The nurses made 1,020 medical examinations in the public schools and 169 at St. Patrick's Parochial school. In addition a TB Patch

Test was conducted on all 7th grade students. Two thousand five hundred forty-five vision tests and 2,241 hearing tests were given during the year. The dental hygienist conducted 1,253 examinations. Decay was found in 630 of these examinations.

Health records are kept on each child throughout his school years and health histories bring it up to date before each physical examination. This enables the examining physician to know something of the background of each pupil.

Financial Statements

1952



City of Portsmouth
New Hampshire

for the

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1952

FINANCES OF YOUR CITY SERVICES

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DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

STATE TAX COMMISSION

Concord, New Hampshire

June 24, 1953

Certificate of Audit

This is to certify that we have examined and audited the accounts and records of the City of Portsmouth for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1952, and found them to be in good order. In our opinion the Exhibits included herewith reflect the true financial condition of the City on December 31, 1952, together with the results of operations for the fiscal year ended on that date.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Fowler,
Director

**DIVISION OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING
STATE TAX COMMISSION**

Herbert E. Hunt,
C. David Sullivan,
Auditors.

Robert W. Flanders,
Edgar O. Pesquera,
Accountants.

STATEMENT 1

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
General Fund—Balance Sheet
 Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

ASSETS

Cash:

General Fund	\$128,548.95
Petty Cash	200.00
Fiscal Agent—Bonds and Coupons	5,585.00

Bond Issues:

Issue of 1941	\$1,689.65	
Issue of 1946	16,560.79	
Issue of 1947	1,572.69	
Issue of 1950	18,839.50	
Issue of 1951	37,971.73	
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	76,634.36	
	<hr/>	\$210,968.31

Accounts Receivable:

General Accounts	24,704.18
Deeded Property	1,810.86

Unredeemed Taxes:

Levy of 1951	\$ 2,395.59	
Levy of 1950	773.72	
Prior Years	700.90	
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		3,870.21

Uncollected Taxes:

Soldiers' Bonus—1945	\$ 4,926.00	
Soldiers' Bonus—1944	4,581.00	
Head Tax—1952	21,435.00	
Levy of 1952	83,432.90	
Levy of 1951	3,611.50	
Levy of 1950	3,207.28	
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		121,193.68
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Total Assets		\$362,547.24
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Grand Total		\$362,547.24
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CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
General Fund—Balance Sheet—Continued

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

LIABILITIES

Unexpended Balances of Appropriations:

Marjorie Street	\$ 215.64	
City Jail	9,260.71	
Widen State Street	5,530.00	
School Special	7,500.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 22,506.35

Fiscal Agent—Bonds and Coupons	5,585.00
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Accounts Payable:

General Accounts	36,635.42
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Due State of New Hampshire:

Uncollected Bonus Taxes—1945	\$ 4,926.00	
Uncollected Bonus Taxes—1944	4,581.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes—1952	21,435.00	
Collected Head Taxes—1952	19,625.70	
	<hr/>	50,567.70

Reserves:

Reserve for Uncollected Taxes—1950 and 1951	\$ 6,818.78	
Overlay—1952	1,321.05	
	<hr/>	8,139.83

Bond Issues: (Contra)

Issue of 1941	\$ 1,689.65	
Issue of 1946	16,560.79	
Issue of 1947	1,572.69	
Issue of 1950	18,839.50	
Issue of 1951	37,971.73	
	<hr/>	76,634.36

Temporary Loans	150,000.00
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Total Liabilities	<hr/> \$350,068.66
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Current Surplus	12,478.58
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Grand Total	<hr/> <hr/> \$362,547.24
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STATEMENT 2

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Balance Sheet—Bonded Indebtedness
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

ASSETS

Bonded Indebtedness—Municipal	\$550,000.00	
Bonded Indebtedness—Water Department	190,000.00	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$740,000.00</u>

LIABILITIES

Municipal Bonds Outstanding:

Public Improvement and Equipment, 1934	\$ 6,000.00	
Sewer, Highway and Equipment, 1935	6,000.00	
Sewer, Street and Equipment, 1936	10,000.00	
Permanent Improvements, 1946	280,000.00	
Improvements and Equipment, 1947	40,000.00	
Permanent Improvements and Equipment, 1950 (Schools)	40,000.00	
Permanent Improvements, 1951	168,000.00	
	<u> </u>	\$550,000.00

Water Bonds Outstanding:

Water Bonds, 1951	190,000.00	
	<u> </u>	<u>\$740,000.00</u>

STATEMENT 3

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Analysis of Surplus Revenue
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Surplus—December 31, 1951	\$100,953.16	
Surplus—December 31, 1952	12,478.58	
Decrease in Surplus		<u>\$88,474.58</u>

Analysis of Change

Decreases:

Supplementary Appropriations from Surplus	\$100,748.47	
Budget Deficit	13,514.87	
Decrease of Accounts Receivable	3.57	
Increase of Reserve for Uncollected Taxes to 100%	2,766.03	
Abatements Charged Against Surplus	714.67	
Soldiers' Bonus Paid State of New Hampshire	1.95	
	<u> </u>	\$117,749.56

Increases:

Net Receipts to Surplus	\$ 29,244.99	
Decrease of Accounts Payable	29.99	
	<u> </u>	29,274.98
		<u>\$88,474.58</u>

STATEMENT 4

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

	Forwarded From 1951	Appropriation	Transfers	
			In	Out
General Government:				
Assessor's Department	\$	\$ 12,229.00	\$ 4.24	
Auditor's Department		12,222.00		
City Clerk's Department		18,484.00	1,271.17	\$ 71.71
City Manager's Department		13,495.00	238.73	238.73
Collector's Department		8,090.00	20.94	
City Treasurer's Department		5,325.00		
Public Buildings and Places		10,945.00	505.19	
Protection of Persons and Property:				
Fire Department		85,746.00	14.00	
Fire Alarm System		1,685.00	22.17	
Police Department		140,024.50	125.00	5,287.50
Dog Officer's Department		600.00	200.00	
Health:				
Health Department		8,910.00		
Comfort Station		17,033.00		27.00
Highways and Bridges:				
Town Road Aid		800.00	42,927.60	2,000.00
General Maintenance Expense		175,900.87		
Dump and Refuse Removal		37,334.00		
Sewer Maintenance		19,000.00		
Cemeteries		3,000.00		
Street Lighting		33,000.00	1,010.51	
Libraries		17,121.00		420.82
Public Welfare:				
Old Age Assistance		40,000.00		5,494.54
City Poor		55,255.00		9,128.00
Patriotic Purposes:				
Memorial Day		400.00		
Recreation:				
Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation (including Community Cen- ter)	1,257.17	52,635.00	3,844.03	4,143.72

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures—Cont.

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Total Expenditures	Transfers to Surplus	Balances Forwarded to 1953
\$ 21.45	\$ 12,254.69	\$ 12,254.69	\$	\$
2.26	12,224.26	11,952.32	271.94	
7.93	19,691.93	19,389.19	302.74	
31.31	13,526.31	13,330.66	195.65	
2.33	8,113.27	8,113.27		
1.13	5,326.13	5,203.68	122.45	
1.00	11,451.19	11,451.19		
453.12	86,213.12	83,492.42	2,720.70	
	1,707.17	1,707.17		
959.70	135,821.70	133,573.12	2,248.58	
	800.00	757.77	42.23	
123.37	9,033.37	8,182.98	850.39	
	17,006.00	16,530.35	475.65	
775.64	277,738.11	277,738.11		
	34,010.51	34,010.51		
3.78	16,703.96	16,475.90	228.06	
	34,505.46	34,505.46		
3.17	46,130.17	46,130.17		
	400.00	400.00		
46.57	53,639.05	50,328.50	3,310.55	

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

	Forwarded From 1951	Appropriation	In	Transfers Out
Public Service Enterprises:				
Weights & Measures	\$	\$ 844.00	\$ 17.88	\$
Airports		4,600.00		1,200.00
Building Inspection Department		1,075.00		
Inspection of Wires & Poles		730.00		
Planning Board		1,500.00		
Civil Defense		2,500.00		
Unclassified:				
Damages and Legal		5,705.00		
Advertising and Regional Association		1,250.00		
Discounts and Refunds		8,000.00	1,937.32	
Employees' Retirement		8,500.00	2,601.73	
City Pension Fund			1,000.00	
Veterans' Temporary Memorial		50.00		
City Report		1,000.00		
University Extension Program	413.42	1,000.00		
Expenses - Trustees of Trust Funds		230.00		
Contingent Fund		10,000.00		1,000.00
Fire Insurance			25,256.47	
Overlay - Abatements		8,286.57		
New Construction and Permanent Improvements:				
Highways and Bridges:				
Gosling Road			14,796.00	
Marjorie Street			1,800.00	
Widening State Street			5,530.00	
City Jail			17,273.50	313.53
Special School Fund			8,500.00	
Interest:				
Temporary Loans		4,850.85	1,150.00	
Bonded Debt		9,378.75		

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures—Continued
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Total Expenditures	Transfers to Surplus	Balance Forwarded to 1953
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
	861.88	861.88		
	3,400.00	2,458.31	941.69	
1.10	1,076.10	1,047.13	28.97	
.68	730.68	705.98	24.70	
	1,500.00	115.05	1,384.95	
	2,500.00	2,432.27	67.73	
	5,705.00	5,704.49	.51	
	1,250.00	1,250.00		
.05	9,937.37	9,937.37		
	11,101.73	11,101.73		
	1,000.00	975.00	25.00	
	50.00	13.06	36.94	
	1,000.00	534.00	466.00	
	1,413.42	1,345.19	68.23	
	230.00	200.18	29.82	
	9,000.00	8,177.54	822.46	
	25,256.47	25,256.47		
	8,286.57	6,965.52		1,321.05
	14,796.00	14,796.00		
	1,800.00	1,584.36		215.64
	5,530.00			5,530.00
	16,959.97	7,699.26		9,260.71
	8,500.00	1,000.00		7,500.00
410.20	6,411.05	5,733.34	677.71	
	9,378.75	8,844.75	534.00	

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures—Continued

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

	Forwarded From 1951	Appropriation	In	Transfers Out
Indebtedness:				
Payments on Temporary Loans	\$	\$	\$	
Payments on Bonded Debt		66,500.00		
Payments to Other Govern- mental Divisions:				
Taxes Paid to County		100,964.76		
Payments to School Department		694,167.69		
	<u>\$1,670.59</u>	<u>\$1,700,366.99</u>	<u>†\$ 130,047.02</u>	<u>*\$ 29,325.55</u>

†Transferred from Revenue Surplus - \$100,748.47.

*Transferred from Accounts Receivable Account - \$27.00.

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

Comparative Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures—Cont.

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Total Expenditures	Transfers to Surplus	Balance Forwarded to 1953
\$900,000.00	\$ 900,000.00 66,500.00	\$ 750,000.00 66,500.00	\$	\$150,000.00
	100,964.76	100,964.76		
541.52	694,709.21	693,919.79	789.42	
<u>\$903,386.31</u>	<u>\$2,706,145.36</u>	<u>\$2,515,650.89</u>	<u>\$16,667.07</u>	<u>\$173,827.40</u>

STATEMENT 5

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

Statement of Estimated and Actual Revenues and Budget Summary

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Source	Revenues		Balances	
	Estimated	Actual	Excess	Deficit
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$ 28,425.00	\$ 28,574.83	\$ 149.83	\$
Railroad Tax	8,200.00	8,037.93		162.07
Savings Bank Tax	8,700.00	9,278.11	578.11	
Building and Loan Association	250.00	349.91	99.91	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	42.00	325.11	283.11	
Fines and Forfeits—Municipal Court	4,000.00	3,900.00		100.00
Interest on Taxes	4,000.00	2,439.54		1,560.46
Licenses	5,000.00	8,558.70	3,558.70	
Motor Vehicle Permits	60,000.00	63,284.82	3,284.82	
Fees, Etc.	4,000.00	4,338.93	338.93	
Schools:				
Tuition	45,000.00	46,640.31	1,640.31	
Rent	1,000.00	1,304.20	304.20	
Federal Government Grant	125,000.00	69,117.88		55,882.12
Dog Licenses	2,000.00	2,371.50	371.50	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes (N. H. A.)	30,000.00	30,450.09	450.09	
Ambulance Rental	3,000.00	4,739.90	1,739.90	
Parking Fines	2,000.00	2,600.00	600.00	
Community Center	2,500.00	4,163.31	1,663.31	
Rental of City Property	2,000.00	1,676.57		323.43
Highway Department Income	7,000.00	8,506.46	1,506.46	
Other Miscellaneous	8,000.00	14,635.68	6,635.68	
Added Taxes		4,270.93	4,270.93	
Sale of Tax Deeded Property		130.00	130.00	
Excess Collections		240.35	240.35	
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	\$350,117.00	\$319,935.06	\$27,846.14	\$58,028.08

Budget Summary

Estimated Revenues	\$350,117.00	
Actual Revenues	319,935.06	
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Revenue Deficit		\$30,181.94
Unexpended Balances of Appropriations		16,667.07
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Budget Deficit		<u>\$13,514.87</u>

STATEMENT 6

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

Summary of General Fund Receipts and Disbursements
and Proof of Balance

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Balance, January 1, 1952	\$ 95,856.84	
Receipts During Year	2,626,408.22	
	<hr/>	\$2,722,265.06
Disbursements During Year		2,593,516.11
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Balance, December 31, 1952		<u>\$128,748.95</u>

Proof of Balance

Balance in the First National Bank of Portsmouth—As Per Statement December 17, 1952	\$ 9,952.00	
Balance in the Second National Bank of Boston—As Per Statement December 31, 1952	5,000.00	
Balance in the Merchants National Bank of Boston—As Per Statement December 12, 1952	53,890.91	
Balance in the New Hampshire National Bank of Portsmouth—As Per Statement December 31, 1952	73,799.79	
	<hr/>	\$ 142,642.70
Less: Outstanding Checks		14,391.75
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		\$ 128,250.95
Add: Deposit Not Credited (On Water Account)		48.00
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		\$ 128,298.95
Add: Check Issued in 1952 Recorded on General Fund Accounts in 1953		250.00
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		\$ 128,548.95
Petty Cash, December 31, 1952		200.00
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Reconciled Balance, December 31, 1952		<u>\$128,748.95</u>

STATEMENT 7

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH

Summary of Trust Fund Principal, Income and Investments

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Funds	Principal Balance December 31, 1952
Schools	\$15,800.00
Worthy Poor	14,403.23
Colored Population	500.00
Haven Park	6,071.16
South Playground	15.00
Scholarship	5,000.00
Memorial Fountain	500.00
Public Library	38,358.08
	<u>\$80,647.47</u>
Investments	
U. S. Series G Bonds	
U. S. Treasury—2%	
Canadian National Railroad—4½%	
Boston & Maine Railroad—4%	
Boston & Maine Railroad, Inc.—4½%	
59 Shares of Pennsylvania Railroad	
500 Shares of City of New York (Corp. Stock)	
Portsmouth Savings Bank	
Portsmouth Trust Company	

INCOME

Balance Jan. 1, 1952	Earned During Year	Expended During Year	Balance Dec. 31, 1952	Balance of Prin. and Income Dec. 31, 1952
\$2,299.71	\$ 455.04	\$ 114.20	\$2,640.55	\$18,440.55
1,250.77	434.42	950.00	735.19	15,138.42
12.99	12.69	12.99	12.69	512.69
910.51	198.43		1,108.94	7,180.10
36.42	1.29		37.71	52.71
254.95	132.54		387.49	5,387.49
308.91	20.30		329.21	829.21
482.45	967.00	965.65	483.80	38,841.88
<u>\$5,556.71</u>	<u>\$2,221.71</u>	<u>\$2,042.84</u>	<u>\$5,735.58</u>	<u>\$86,383.05</u>

\$69,800.00

3,896.80

1,000.00

1,000.00

1,000.00

2,950.00

500.00

5,698.59

537.66

\$86,383.05

STATEMENT 8

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Water Department—Balance Sheet
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

ASSETS**Current Assets:**

Cash		\$	2,728.17	
Materials and Supplies			12,214.98	
Accounts Receivable	\$	20,492.29		
Less: Reserve for Bad Debts		3,000.00		
			<u>17,492.29</u>	
Total Current Assets				\$ 32,435.44

Fixed Assets:**Land:**

Water Supply Land	\$	7,063.00
Pumping Station Land		6,785.00
Water Storage Land		3,750.00
Distribution System Land		750.00
Other Land		<u>3,372.00</u>
	\$	21,720.00

Buildings:

Water Supply Structures	\$	83,224.37
Pumping Station Structure		46,986.75
Stores Department Structure		3,834.44
Stable and Garage Structure		2,500.00
Other Structures		<u>2,500.00</u>
	\$	139,045.56

Equipment:

Water Supply Equipment	\$	40,221.23
Pumping Station Equipment		112,516.22
Purification Equipment		3,997.75
Transmission Mains		39,295.23
Water Storage Equipment		91,905.04
Distribution Mains		1,049,408.95
Services		5,301.92
Hydrants		29,485.71
Meters		53,897.16
Stores Department Equipment		2,134.55
Other Equipment		<u>2,112.70</u>
		\$1,430,276.46

Total Buildings and Equipment	\$1,569,322.02
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	<u>318,423.39</u>

Depreciated Value \$1,250,898.63

Total Fixed Assets \$1,272,618.63

Other Assets:

Other Special Funds 49,007.07

Total Assets \$1,354,061.14

LIABILITIES AND INVESTMENT

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable		\$ 17,713.56
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Fixed Liabilities:

Federal Contribution for Plant Expansion	\$302,178.10	
Funded Debt	190,000.00	
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Total Fixed Liabilities		492,178.10
Total Liabilities		\$ 509,891.66

Investment and Surplus:

Municipal Investment		\$656,559.09
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Surplus, January 1, 1952	\$ 13,475.61	
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Add:

Refund from Town of Newington	.32	
Revision of Depreciation Rates by Public Utilities Commission	179,674.89	
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	\$193,150.82	

Less:

Net Loss for Period January 1, 1952-December 31, 1952	\$5,529.83	
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1950 Bill Paid in 1952 and Debited to Accounts Payable Never Set Up As Expense	10.60	
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	5,540.43	

Surplus, December 31, 1952		187,610.39
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Total Investment and Surplus		844,169.48
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Total Liabilities, Investment and Surplus		<u>\$1,354,061.14</u>
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CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Water Department—Statement of Profit and Loss
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

Revenues:

Commercial Sales	\$130,552.76	
Industrial Sales	31,974.80	
Other Miscellaneous Sales	3,775.12	
	<hr/>	\$166,302.68

Less: Operating Expenses:**Operation:**

Superintendence	\$5,875.00	
Pumping Station Labor	37,504.34	
Pumping Station Supplies	1,351.65	
Purification—Supplies and Expense	388.98	
Fuel for Power	2,441.67	
Power Purchased	25,383.25	
	<hr/>	\$ 72,944.89

Maintenance:

Repairs to Water Supply Equipment	\$ 29.35	
Repairs to Pumping Station Equip- ment	763.24	
	<hr/>	792.59

Distribution Expenses:**Operation:**

Superintendence	\$ 8,708.12	
Other Distribution Supplies and Expense	96.70	
	<hr/>	8,804.82

Maintenance:

Repairs to Mains	\$ 2,111.74	
Repairs to Water Storage Equip- ment	63.95	
Repairs to Services	30,705.89	
Repairs to Hydrants	1,331.45	
Repairs to Meters	4,629.06	
	<hr/>	38,842.09

Commercial:

Commercial Office Salaries	\$ 8,319.84	
Meter Reading Salaries	6,279.84	
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Total Operating and Distribution Expenses	<hr/>	135,984.07
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Net Operating Profit	<hr/>	\$30,318.61
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Less: Other Expenses:**General:**

General Office Rent and Expenses	\$ 1,714.74	
General Expenses	108.61	
	<hr/>	\$ 1,823.35

Miscellaneous Undistributed:

Insurance Expense	\$ 1,610.13	
Stores Department and Shop Expense	3,572.98	
Stable and Garage Expenses	581.66	
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Other Operating:

Depreciation		25,520.31
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Miscellaneous Deductions from Income:

Interest	\$ 3,231.25	
Other Deductions	5,381.20	
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		\$41,720.88

Add: Other Income:

Merchandise Sales and Job Work Net	\$ 5,363.59	
Other Non-Operating Revenue	508.85	
	<hr/>	5,872.44

Net Other Deductions		\$35,848.44
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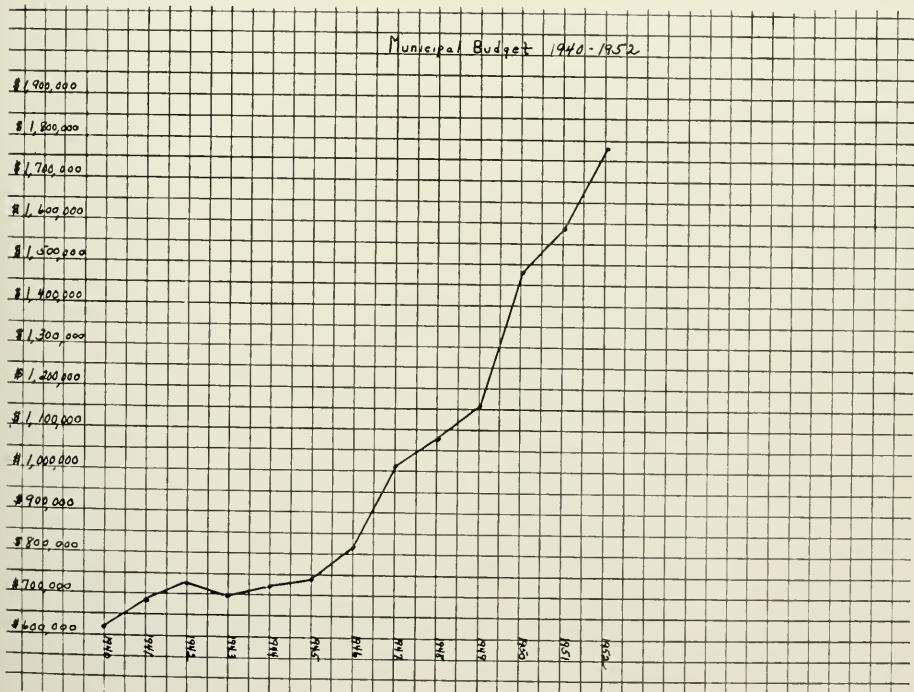
Net Loss		<hr/>
		<u>\$ 5,529.83</u>

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH
Summary of Water Bond Funds
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1952

	Balance Jan. 1, 1952	Receipts	Expend.	Balance Dec. 31, 1952
Bond Issue of 1940	\$ 36.88	\$ 0.0	\$ 36.88	\$ 0.0
Bond Issue of 1942	376.35	0.0	376.35	0.0
Federal Contribution for Plant Expansion	62.73	0.0	62.73	0.0
Bond Issue of 1951	200,000.00	\$ 0.0	151,092.93	48,907.07
	<u>\$200,475.96</u>	<u>\$ 0.0</u>	<u>\$151,568.89</u>	<u>\$48,907.07</u>

Proof of Balance

Balance in the Merchants National Bank of Boston—As Per Statement Dated December 29, 1952	\$49,007.81	
Less: Outstanding Checks	<u>100.74</u>	<u>\$48,907.07</u>



HOW YOUR PROPERTY TAX WAS SPENT

If, in 1952, your Property Tax Bill was \$150 here is what you got for your money.

1. You paid \$61.80 for the support of your schools even though it cost \$212.66 to send one child through for one year.
2. For \$24.30 you received all the necessary snow removal service, your streets were repaired, your garbage collected and your sewers maintained.
3. You got complete fire protection for one year at a cost of only \$7.65. For only \$12.30 you received complete police protection for you and your family.
4. You paid \$6.60 to receive all the services offered by the City Manager, Assessor, City Clerk, Tax Collector, Auditor and Treasurer.
5. For only \$8.40 you and your family did your share to provide for those who found themselves in less fortunate circumstances than those enjoyed by you and your family.
6. For only \$11.70 you were able to use the library, recreational facilities, received street lighting, received health protection, received the services of the several inspection departments of the city, supported a Civil Defense program, provided for the care of public buildings.

FOR 365 DAYS OF THE YEAR YOUR CITY GOVERNMENT IS PROVIDING ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES.

Schools 41.2% \$61.80

Highway Dept. 16.2% \$24.30

Police Dept. 8.2% \$12.30

Miscellaneous 7.8% \$11.70

County Tax 6.8% \$10.20

Welfare 5.4% \$8.10

Fire Dept. 5.1% \$7.65

Debt Retirement 4.7% \$7.05

Administration 4.4% \$6.60

5% 10% 15% 20% 25% 30% 35% 40% 45% 50%

THE CITY OF PORTSMOUTH — ALWAYS AT YOUR SERVICE

FIRE 525	BUSINESS CALLS 526	POLICE 626
Service	Department	Phone
Administration, General	City Manager	2620
Ambulance	Police	626
Assessments	Assessor	477
Auto Permits	Tax Collector	515
Bicycle Licenses	City Clerk	10
Bills and Accounts	Auditor	2386
Birth Certificates	City Clerk	10
Building Permits	Building Inspector	599
Cemetery	Public Works	128
City Council	City Manager	2620
Dance Licenses	City Clerk	10
Death Certificates	City Clerk	10
Dog Licenses	City Clerk	10
Elections	City Clerk	10
Engineering City	Public Works	128
Garbage Collection	Public Works	128
Health, Public	Sanitary Officer	580
Library	Librarian	4260
Marriage Certificates	City Clerk	10
Milk Licenses and Inspection	Sanitary Officer	580
Mortgages and Conditional Sales	City Clerk	10
Nursing, Public Health	Health	580
Oil Burner Inspection	Fire	526
Ordinances and Resolutions, City	City Clerk	10
Parks	Public Works	128
Payments by City	Auditor	2386
Personnel, City	City Manager	2620
Playgrounds—Recreation	Community Center	2990
Plumbing Permits and Licenses	Plumbing Inspector	127
Purchasing	Auditor	2386
Refuse Collection	Public Works	128
Relief	Overseer	599
Sanitation, Public	Sanitary Officer	580
Sewers	Public Works	128
Snow Plowing and Sanding	Public Works	128
Street Lights, Out	Light Company	1500
Street Maintenance	Public Works	128
Tax Collection	Collector	515
Water	Public Works	128
Water Bills	Water Office	772
Weights and Measures	Sealer	2852
Zoning	Building Inspector	599
Schools	Superintendent	770
Red Cross	Director	333
Taxicab Permits—Taxi Operator's License		
Selective Service Registration	City Clerk	10

